

## **DYS PREA Annual Report**

### **Findings and Corrective Actions 2024**

The agency received fourteen reports of sexual abuse/inappropriate sexual contact during the calendar year 2024. Nine reports were against a youth by a staff member and five report was youth against another youth. Eleven were reported to have occurred at moderate care facilities, one was reported to have occurred at secure care facilities and two were reported to have occurred at a group care facility. Below is a summary of the reports, the findings and corrective actions.

**Report 1: Summary/Findings:** Youth by a staff at a DYS moderate care facility. This incident was investigated and found to be unsubstantiated for sexual abuse but substantiated for policy violations.

**Corrective Actions:** A review by all staff of current policy and procedures regarding engaged supervision, professional boundaries, and aftercare youth contacts. Training staff in structure and awareness, group dynamics and safety blocks. A DYS staff member was dismissed.

**Report 2: Summary/Findings:** Youth by a staff at a DYS moderate care facility. This incident was investigated and found to be unsubstantiated.

**Corrective Actions:** A review by all staff of current policy and procedures regarding engaged supervision and professional boundaries

**Report 3: Summary/Findings:** Youth by a staff at a DYS moderate care facility. This incident was investigated and found to be substantiated.

**Corrective Actions:** A review by all staff of current policy and procedures regarding engaged supervision, professional boundaries, personal cell phone usage and aftercare youth contacts. A DYS staff member was dismissed.

**Report 4: Summary/Findings:** Youth by a youth at a DYS moderate care facility. This incident was investigated and found to be unsubstantiated.

**Corrective Actions:** A review by all staff of current policy and procedures regarding engaged supervision, professional boundaries. Training staff in structure and awareness, group dynamics and safety blocks.

**Report 5: Summary/Findings:** Youth by a staff at a DYS moderate care facility. This incident was investigated and found to be unsubstantiated.

**Corrective Actions:** A review by all staff of current policy and procedures regarding engaged supervision and professional boundaries.

**Report 6: Summary/Findings:** Youth by a youth at a DYS moderate care facility. This incident was investigated and found to be unsubstantiated.

**Corrective Actions:** A review by all staff of current policy and procedures regarding engaged supervision, professional boundaries. Training staff in structure and awareness, group dynamics and safety blocks.

**Report 7: Summary/Findings:** Youth by a staff at a DYS moderate care facility. This incident was investigated and found to be unsubstantiated.

**Corrective Actions:** A review by all staff of current policy and procedures regarding engaged supervision and professional boundaries.

**Report 8: Summary/Findings:** Youth by a staff at a DYS moderate care facility. This incident was investigated and found to be unsubstantiated.

**Corrective Actions:** A review by all staff of current policy and procedures regarding engaged supervision and professional boundaries.

**Report 9: Summary/Findings:** Youth by a youth at a DYS group care facility. This incident was investigated and found to be unsubstantiated.

**Corrective Actions:** A review by all staff of current policy and procedures regarding engaged supervision.

**Report 10: Summary/Findings:** Youth by a staff at a DYS secure care facility. This incident was investigated and found to be unsubstantiated.

**Corrective Actions:** A review by all staff of current policy and procedures regarding engaged supervision, professional boundaries, and personal cell phone usage. Two DYS staff member were dismissed.

**Report 11: Summary/Findings:** Youth by a youth at a DYS moderate care facility. This incident was investigated and found to be unsubstantiated.

**Corrective Actions:** A review by all staff of current policy and procedures regarding engaged supervision and train staff regarding youth searches.

**Report 12: Summary/Findings:** Youth by a staff at a DYS group care facility. This incident was investigated and found to be unsubstantiated.

**Corrective Actions:** A review by all staff of current policy and procedures regarding engaged supervision and professional boundaries.

**Report 13: Summary/Findings:** Youth by a youth at a DYS moderate care facility. This incident was investigated and found to be unsubstantiated.

**Corrective Actions:** A review by all staff of current policy and procedures regarding engaged supervision and professional boundaries. Managers should ensure eyes on supervision, assess youth pairing, structure and awareness, group dynamics and safety blocks. Improve staff communications.

**Report 14: Summary/Findings:** Youth by a staff at a DYS moderate care facility. This incident was investigated and found to be unfounded.

**Corrective Actions:** A review by all staff of current policy and procedures regarding engaged supervision and professional boundaries.